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SUBJECT: KUWAIT MEDIA REACTION - IRAN, IRAQ, U.S. POLICY AND
PRESIDENT BUSH SPEECH

BLOCK QUOTES

SUNDAY, JULY 22, 2007

-- UNDER THE HEADLINE, "IRAN AND MUSCLE FLEXING," POLITICAL SCIENCE
PROFESSOR AT KUWAIT UNIVERSITY DR. NOOR M. AL HABASHY WROTE IN THE
PRO-GOVERNMENT ARABIC DAILY AL SEYASSAH, (07/22):

"WE ARE NOT AGAINST IRAN. HOWEVER, WE ARE OPPOSED TO ITS CONTENTION
THAT ANOTHER ARAB COUNTRY, SUCH AS BAHRAIN, IS NOT ARAB, THAT ITS
EXISTENCE IS ILLEGITIMATE, AND THAT IT BELONGS TO IRAN. WE ALSO
OPPOSE THE IRANIAN CLAIM THAT THE ISLANDS OF THE ARAB EMIRATES
BELONG TO IRAN... WE KNOW THAT IRAN IS PLAYING A HEAD GAME WITH US,
SIMILAR TO THE GAME THEY PLAYED WITH IRAQ. THE QUESTION IS, WHEN
WILL THE PLAY BEGIN, AND WHEN WILL IRAN BEGIN FLEXING ITS MUSCLE? "

-- THE MODERATE ARAB DAILY AL RAI PUBLISHED AN OP-ED BY ALI MOHAMMAD
AL FAIROZ HEADLINED, "BRITISH-AMERICAN WITHDRAWAL IS INEVITABLE"
(07/22):

"THERE IS PUBLIC CONSENSUS IN BRITAIN AND AMERICA THAT THEIR TROOPS
SHOULD WITHDRAW FROM IRAQ. THIS IS A HARD BLOW TO U.S. PRESIDENT
BUSH AND PRIME MINISTER GORDON BROWN WHO BOTH FACE ENORMOUS PRESSURE
FROM THEIR PEOPLE. SO WOULD THE AMERICAN AND BRITISH GOVERNMENTS
WITHDRAW THEIR TROOPS UNDER THESE PRESSURES? OR IS THE NEW
AMERICAN-BRITISH STRATEGY OF MAINTAINING PEACE AND STABILITY IN IRAQ
ABOVE ALL OTHER CONSIDERATIONS?"

-- DAILY AL WASAT PUBLISHED AN OPINION BY DR. IBRAHIM AL-HADBAN
HEADLINED, "HOW TO COMPETE WITH JEWS WITHIN THE AMERICAN
ADMINISTRATION"

"FORMER PRESIDENT CLINTON'S ADMINISTRATION WAS DELUGED WITH JEWS,
JUST AS THE CURRENT ADMINISTRATION IS FULL OF AMERICAN JEWS... THIS
MEANS THAT AMERICAN DECISIONS WILL ALWAYS TAKE INTO CONSIDERATION
ISRAEL'S INTERESTS AND NOT THE INTERESTS OF ARABS AND MUSLIMS.
MOREOVER, ALL FUTURE ADMINISTRATIONS, SO LONG AS JEWISH
DECISION-MAKERS ARE IN CONTROL, WILL SEEK TO DEMEAN ARAB AND ISLAMIC
COUNTRIES..."

-- UNDER THE HEADLINE "PEACE: VISIONS OF BUSH AND AL-HASSAN BIN
TALAL," AHMAD HUSSEIN WROTE IN DAILY AL WAST (7/22):

"I WAS DISAPPOINTED AFTER LISTENING TO PRESIDENT BUSH'S LATEST
SPEECH [ON ISRAELI-PALESTINIAN PEACE TALKS]. WILL THE CONFERENCE
THAT HE HAS PROPOSED PRODUCE LEGALLY BINDING COMMITMENTS OR JUST
POLITICAL DEALS? PRINCE HASSAN [BIN TALAL OF JORDAN] RECENTLY

ANNOUNCED A LEGITIMATE PROJECT FOR PEACE BY INTRODUCING A LAW FOR PEACE IN ORDER TO CREATE A CHARTER FOR STABILITY."

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